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NEW POWER PLANTS BEGIN OPERATION

OZALJ II POWER PLANT PUT IN OPERATION -- Zagreb, Borba, 23, 24 Mar 52

The Ozalj II Hydroelectric Power Plant, located near Ozalj on the Kupa River across from the Ozalj I Hydroelectric Power Plant, was put in operation on 24 March. The new plant has a capacity of 2,200 kilowatts. It is to furnish 5 million kilowatt-hours of electric power yearly. /Borba of 24 Mar 52 states that its yearly production is to be 9.5 million kilowatt-hours.

The generators, turbines, and hydromechanical equipment were produced by the Tvornica "Litostroj" ("Litostroj" Factory) and the Tvornica "Rade Koncar" ("Rade Koncar" Factory). The plant has two generators and two 1,600-horsepower Kaplan turbines. The hydroelectric equipment was designed by the Poduzece "Hidroprojekt" Hrvatske ("aidroprojekt" Enterprise of Croatia) and installed by Yugoslav engineers. The construction cost was about 68 million dinars. One kilowatt-hour of power is to cost Yugoslav consumers 0.61 dinar, or 15 times less than the rate charged by the Zagreb Thermal Power Plant.

The Ozalj II plant is the first hydroelectric power plant to be put in operation by Croatia under Yugoslavia's first Five-Year Plan, not counting several local up-to-100-kilowatt hydroelectric plants that have been put in operation.

On 25 March, the Sapuncica Hydroelectric Power Plant, which is about the same size and capacity as the Ozalj II plant, is to be put in operation. The Sapuncica Plant is located on the Sapuncica River, southwest of Bitolj and Perister Mountain. This is the first complete hydroelectric power plant constructed in Macedonia since the liberation. The Sapuncica Plant is to furnish electricity to the areas around Bitolj, Fridep, and Resan. High-tension transmission lines and transformer stations will connect it with the Bitoly Thormal Power Plant and the Pesocani Hydroelectric Power Plant.

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All equipment for this plant was produced by Yugoslav factories from domestic materials. Turbines, regulators, and all hydromechanical equipment were constructed by the Tvornica "Litostroj," pipelines were built by the Tvornica "Franc Leskosek" ("Franc Leskosek" Factory) in Maribor, and all electrical equipment was produced by the Tvornica "Rade Koncar". Machines were installed by the Termoelektro Biroa (Thermal Electric Bureau) in Belgrade.

The Ozalj II and Sapuncica plants are a part of the network of 32 plants under construction in Yugoslavia in the first electrification program, and they are two of the seven plants which are to be put in operation in 1952.

To date, ll bydroelectric power plants have been put in operation since the liberation: the Bogatic, Mesici, and Vlasenica plants in Bosnia, the Sokolovica Plant in Serbia, the Zrnovci and Pesocani plants in Maccdonia, the Musovica Rijeka Plant in Montenegro, and the Maribor Island and Savica plants in Slovenia.

Soon, the Vinodol and Slap Zete power plants are to begin operation.

SECOND POWER PLANT SINCE LIBERATION BEGINS OPERATION IN MONTENEGRO -- Zagreb, Borba, 30 Mar 52

On 29 March, the 160-kilowatt hydroelectric power plant on the Crnojevica River near Cetinje began operation. The plant is to furnish electric power to Cetinje and the Industrijsko Poduzece za Preradu Ribe (Industrial Enterprise for Fish Processing) which is under construct on on the Crnojevica River. Equipment for the power plant was produced by the Tvornica "Litostroj" ("Litostroj" Factory), the Tvornica "Rade Koncar" ("Rade Koncar" Factory), and the Tvornica "Iskra" ("Iskra" Factory), and assembly was done by the Hidromontazno Poduzece iz Maribora (Hydroelectric Power Plant Assembly Enterprise in Maribor). This is the second power plant erected in Montenegro since the liberation.

The Slap Zete Hydroelectric Power Plant, which is eight times more powerful than the plant on the Crnojevica River, is to be put in operation by the end of April.

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